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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002 setting forth a shortened statutory response period of three months. Accordingly, this response is due on or before March 30, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

On page 1, below the Title and above the Field of the Invention, please insert the following:

-- This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Ser. No. 09/204,254, filed December 3, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,369,039 B1.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9, 32, 33, 39, 53 and 57 without prejudice.

1. A medical device comprising:
a biocompatible structure carrying a genetic material, said biocompatible